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Art in Public Places Commission

April 22, 2014

The Art in Public Places Commission (AIPPC) of the City of Annapolis held its regularly scheduled meeting on April 22, 2014 at the Pip Moyer Recreation Center. **Chair** Moyer called the meeting to order at 6:37pm.

Commissioners Present: Chair Moyer, Vice Chair Koscianski, Palumbo, Towle-Krewson, Matthews,

Averill

Commissioners Absent: Fridrich, Arthur

Staff Present: Flip Walters, Acting Director of Recreation and Parks

Guest: Wanda Stansbury

March 25, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Matthews moved approval of the March 25, 2014 meeting minutes as written. **Vice Chair** Koscianski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 6-0.

1. Giant Art Work

Ms. Towle-Krewson reported that a meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2014 with Alderman Pfeiffer, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Elson, and Mr. Woodward to discuss moving the Giant artwork project forward using the budget funds from last year. If this meeting yields success then the A-hold representative will be contacted so that negotiations can be underway.

2. Performing Arts at City Dock

Relating to performing arts, Ms. Towle-Krewson contacted Ms. Deni Henson regarding the City Dock Thursday evening summer series performances and hopes that she would be interested a performance on Carr's Beach. She referred Ms. Henson to Ms. Sandy Wallace so that they can meet to develop a musical performance program involving Carr's Beach. **Chair** Moyer discussed scheduling indicating that there will be nine Thursday night performances at City Dock. The Colonial Players has taken one spot already and the Compass Rose is interested in the July 10, 2014 date. Music Mosaic will be performing a music medley on July 17, 2014. There is a Karate music group scheduled to perform on July 24, 2014 and the July 31, 2014 date is open. The music teachers have the August 7, 2014 date and the Army Jazz Band has the August 21, 2014 date. She noted that the AIPPC has to pay for the parking spaces unless there is a sponsor. She noted that there are 3 or 4 spots remaining and suggested that Ms. Towle-Krewson contact Ms. Henson to notify of the available dates. Mr. Averill also knows of a group who might be interested in using one of the available dates. Ms. Towle-Krewson explained that Mr. Zug was also interested preparing a PowerPoint slide of public art that can be displayed on a screen with music.

3. Art with HACA

Chair Moyer noted that Ms. Stansbury from Housing Authority is attending the meeting to share some of the artwork projects occurring in public housing. Ms. Stansbury thanked the AIPPC for considering public housing for the display of public art and believes it is the right place for exhibiting art. She noted that Ms. Matthews spent a brief stint with HACA to help raise money and awareness. She noted that there are two suggested locations, Robinwood specifically the big wall in the community center would be a great place for color and public art since is frequented by kids. The second location is the pool

house wall on Madison Street which is a public street that has a lot of traffic so public art would be beneficial at this location. She envisions fine art for public housing and so the process of soliciting artist and raising funds is still being developed. She went online to view some of the beautiful mosaic artists and there is a group, Society of American Mosaic Artists that is having a convention in Louisville. She is considering a contest with a monetary prize for creation of the artwork. She noted that the two projects need to be separated so that they are running consecutively to ensure completion. Members were encouraged to share any information they may have regarding mosaic art for public housing. She shared her contact information.

4. USNA Art Wall – Draft Specification for RFP

Chair Moyer noted that the Naval Academy agreed to the AIPPC placing art on the wall along King George Street. She and Vice Chair Koscianski met with Sarah Phillips, Joe Rubino and the Naval Academy Superintendent to seek approval and determine themes as well as processes. She noted that the Superintendent agreed to a longer space then requested. She noted that there needs to be further discussions of themes in order to design a request for proposal. Chair Moyer suggested Mr. Averill, Ms. Palumbo and Vice Chair Koscianski meet to determine what needs to go into the RFP and report back.

5. Sculpture Gardens

Ms. Palumbo attended a lectures in Palm Beach that focused on Art in Public Places specifically kind of kinetic art. The City of Boynton Beach had a festival of kinetic art and plans to do it in the coming year. The kinetic art is powered by wind or solar or more specifically is form of natural power. She the group used the Atlanta Horticulture Gardens project as an example which was full of these types of art.

6. Mural on Main Street

Vice Chair Koscianski saw a sign that suggested placing a mural on Main Street. He explained that the City Attorney believes that the legislation does not fall under the AIPPC's jurisdiction. However, discussions with family attorney suggest the opposite and believe that the legislation gives allows the AIPPC's jurisdiction so there was a discussion regarding the best approach on addressing the concern of the installation of a mural at the Main Street location. **Chair** Moyer asked **Vice Chair** Koscianski to send any information available that she can incorporate into an official letter to the Mayor. Once she compiles the letter, it will be sent out to members for review.

7. Website Management

Chair Moyer explained that Mr. Arthur suggested getting someone else to manage the website because of time management issues. She had a discussion regarding someone else maintaining the website so the AIPPC will consider moving down the path of hiring someone to update the AIPPC webpage. Ms. Matthews asked about the budget and **Chair** Moyer noted that there is \$20,000 in the budget that is unencumbered money. She further stated that Lara Fritts of AEDC is looking at the money that comes in through the permitting for public art. The AIPPC needs to look into how to raise money and need to set aside some time to go over this.

Action Items:

- Mr. Averill, Ms. Palumbo and Vice Chair Koscianski will work together on preparing USNA request for proposal
- Chair Moyer agreed to draft a letter to the Mayor regarding the proposal for a mural on Main Street and
- Chair Moyer will continue work on soliciting for the website management
- Ms. Palumbo will continue to develop ideas for the sculpture garden and Mr. Averill will discuss the sculpture garden with the Murray Hill community
- Ms. Towle-Krewson will update the AIPPC on the status of the Giant artwork project.

8. New Business

Ms. Towle-Krewson asked about the recruiting status for the two vacancies. **Chair** Moyer responded that an application has been submitted to Ms. Raftovich and that there are two vacancies on the AIPPC. However, there needs to be a confirmation on a possible vacancy with Ms. Raftovich.

<u>Adjournment</u>

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 27, 2014 at 6:30pm at Pip Moyer's Recreation Center.

Vice Chair Koscianski moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. Mr. Averill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a vote of 6-0.

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